

## BACKGROUND

The Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Marble Hill Food & Hunger Project, Inc. is an interfaith cooperative non-profit organization sponsored by participating religious and community institutions.

The project came into being in February 1980, after nine months of preliminary investigation and research that revealed a surprising number of hungry people in our own and neighboring communities. Although the Riverdale area is considered to be an affluent community, the project found many who desperately needed help at one time or another.

In the first year we distributed \$1,800 worth of food. After 1986, we spent \$10,000 but in recent years through 2014, we have spent \$20,000 to cover needy Pantry and homebound recipients. In years since then, our annual distribution has grown extensively. Our organization is staffed entirely by volunteers and relies totally on food donations, as well as cash contributions.

KRMH has received generous support from its participating organizations, other community and religious organizations, local schools, and most importantly, from true neighbors, both within and outside the community. This generous support has been critical to our programs, **but the need continues to outpace our resources.**

## SERVICES

- WE PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD PACKAGES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED.
- WE PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD PACKAGES FOR THE HOME BOUND ELDERLY.
- WE GIVE HOLIDAY FOOD PACKAGES-Starting in 1985, when we prepared 15 holiday packages for distribution, the numbers continued to grow, so that in 1996 we prepared 170 packages, and since 2001, at least 300 per year. Recipients are identified by the Riverdale YM/YWHA Senior Center, Bronx AIDS, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Riverdale Yonkers Ethical Culture Shelter, the Church of the Mediator, the Love Kitchen and other participating organizations.
- WE RECOGNIZE SPECIAL NEEDS-The project provides low-sodium, low-cholesterol, low-sugar and Kosher packages as they are requested.

## WHO DO WE SERVE? Some examples:

- The elderly, homebound woman who lives alone, without family nearby.
- A young mother of 3, coping with her own diabetes, trying to maintain the household during her husband's hospitalization
- A father of 5, who has lost his job, and is in need of groceries to help provide food for his family until the next Food Stamps arrive
- The disabled veteran, who lives alone, and is homebound with no assistance, except for an aide who comes three times a week.
- An elderly couple trying to maintain their apartment and their independence, but in need of help in obtaining enough groceries to eat, while dealing with medical bills.

## THESE ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The KRMH Food & Hunger Project, Inc. is a unique grassroots community organization providing the sustenance that makes tomorrow possible for our neediest neighbors.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**VOLUNTEER.....** to shop, pack and deliver food packages

**ORGANIZE.....**Your school, community group, your business, or religious congregation to participate.

**CONTRIBUTE .....**Current canned and box food or cash

Send Checks payable to: KRMH Food & Hunger Project, Inc., P.O Box 251, Riverdale Station, Bronx, NY 10471. Your contribution is tax deductible. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Or contact President, Frances Segan, Ph.D. 718-796-7166

**ADVISORY BOARD:** Dr. Mathilda Furman, founder (1925-2000), Edward Dillon, Kay Dunderf, Anita Dutt, Rebecca Dyasi, Ginny Fox, Patricia Gourdine, Karen Green, Henry (Tom) Krim, Shirley Maragh, Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum, Lynda Paull, Ph.D., Manfred Segal, Dorothy M. Smith and the late Louise Jonsson (1925-2010).

## WHAT DO THEY TELL US?

“Your packages let me give my family, better and healthy food that I could not afford to purchase with only the help of food stamps” Recipient at the KRMH Food Pantry.

The Food & Hunger Project “is invaluable in reducing the impact of hunger and poverty in our community. It is with much appreciation and gratitude that the Riverdale Y is able to partner with this program” Sharon Asherman, Director, Simon Senior Center at Riverdale Y.

“The KRMH Food & Hunger Project has maintained a Food Pantry at The Church of the Mediator for many years. We collaborate and have volunteers from our church and the KRMH Food & Hunger Project working together to help others.”

The Reverend Diego Delgado-Miller

“Thanks to your continued kindness, the holidays at the Center are bright and give pleasure to the children and their families, especially during troubling economic times.”

Giselle Melendez-Susca, Executive Director, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

“The Food and Hunger Project began with shock, but persists with the conviction that by banding together, people can make a difference.”

The Riverdale Press, “Feeding the Hungry,” Editorial Comment, March 15, 1990.

“The Riverdale Press, “Homegrown Hunger is a Shame,” Editorial Comment, March 7, 2013

“Here in Riverdale, citizens groups like ... the Riverdale, Kingsbridge, Marble Hill Food & Hunger Project do yeoman work in trying to keep up with the tide of hunger..”

KINGSBRIDGE\*RIVERDALE\*MARBLE HILL (KRMH) FOOD & HUNGER PROJECT, INC.



“...a NOT FOR PROFIT organization dedicated to alleviating the problem of hunger in our communities where, perhaps, we least expect to find it...”

## Participating Organizations

Christ Church Riverdale  
Church of the Mediator  
Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale  
Riverdale Kingsbridge Spuyten Duyvil Clergy Conference  
Riverdale Presbyterian Church  
Riverdale Temple  
Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture  
AARP Riverdale Chapter  
Congregation Shaarei Shalom  
St. Margaret of Cortona R.C. Church